



## **Space Florida's Proposed Commercial Launch Site -- Shiloh**

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### **Why did you propose this particular property (Shiloh)?**

- The site was identified after an exhaustive evaluation of the East Coast of Florida from the Keys to the Georgia border, based on industry requirements.
- Shiloh was determined to be the best site because (1) its location is far enough away from the existing KSC launch complexes to avoid conflict with their operations and future plans, (2) the land can be developed as a jurisdictionally independent operational area -- free of the neighboring federal range and installation constraints, and (3) it was previously disturbed citrus land.

### **Why not use existing launch pads and land at Kennedy Space Center (KSC) and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS)?**

- The existing infrastructure and capabilities on the federal reservations of KSC and CCAFS will allow for continued growth of federal government launches. NASA and the Air Force have federal missions and their priorities impact the commercial business model. When NASA commits funding to go to Asteroids, the Moon or Mars, that will be the priority of KSC. Similarly, any significant national security event will focus the assets and resources of the military at CCAFS on addressing that mission. The commercial launch market is aware of this. They would be assuming risk to set up shop on a federal reservation, a risk they don't have in Texas, Georgia and elsewhere.
- If you were opening a business to service private sector customers, you would not likely put your shop in the middle of a NASA center or an Air Force base. The success of many of today's commercial space pioneers occurred in an environment that nurtured innovation, experimentation and adaptability in the face of changing markets.

### **What is the history of that property that is being requested?**

- The Federal Government originally secured this land in the early 1960's along with the rest of the property that became KSC. The land was obtained from private property owners through eminent domain and through an easement from the State of Florida. Those transactions were for the specific purpose of supporting the U.S. Space program and its related activities.

### **How crucial is this site in terms of attracting the commercial launch industry to pick Florida over sites in Texas and Puerto Rico?**

- What Texas, Georgia, Puerto Rico and others can offer are launch site options where the requirements of NASA and the military will not impact the commercial operation and business viability. That cannot be offered at KSC or CCAFS.

### **Where can I get more information as this project develops?**

**FAA :**

[http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ast/environmental/nepa\\_docs/review/documents/progress/shiloh\\_launch\\_statement/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents/progress/shiloh_launch_statement/)

**Space Florida :**

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